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ONE OF the amusing features of the passing hour is the battle of rival realty interests over the location of the new Swetland street bridge. It is a contest by which the public is more entertained than agitated.

Cost of the Coal Strike. President McBride, of the United in a current interview as having said that within two weeks the 125,000 an thracite miners of Pennsylvania will have joined in the big coal strike. Mr. remark attributed to him; or, if he did, it must have been without reflection and at total variance with the truth. No such intention is held by the anthracite miners. They have better

In this general connection it is not uninteresting to recall some pertinent figures relating to the recent big strike of coal miners in England; that massive labor battle in the peaceful settlement of which the earl of Rosebery, not yet prime minister, bore such a creditable and successful part. This interruption of the processes of mining, transportation and manufacturing, lasted altogether sixteen weeks. The normal output of coal during this time fell from 63,000,000 to 39,000,000 tons. The miners surrendered \$24,000,000 in wages, in round numbers; the iron workers lest \$13,200,000; factory and workshop bands, through involuntary idleness due to lack of fuel, aurrendered \$15,840,000, and other losses increase the total to \$91,040,000. This item, it should be understood, refers solely to wages. There were other items of loss, The total loss of net profits, divided among impdreds of industries, has been conservatively estimated at \$60,278,075. While, owing to the increase price of coal occasioned by the strike, another item of loss is supplied amounting to

Here, then, we have an aggregate money lose to the people of Great Britain excepting \$166,000,000 as the small country scarcely moment when a long business depress or by act of the legislature. sion had begun to show signs of liftand children?

The bituminous miners of our coun fellow workingmen in other industries, upon the general business of the country and afterwards indirectly upon their own families and themselves.

It is a reproach upon the American people that for years they permitted despoilers of their forests to waste regularly every year more timber in the form of bushes, limbs and nigh stumps slowly curing Itself, thanks to an aroused public sentiment. It ought to be an equal reproach upon us to know of our large American cities we squan der more money each year than would be needed to conduct many municipal governments of equal size in derided Europe.

Congress and the Press. ment so increasing the postage on reg- he has unconsciously reclined upon a nlar serial issues of books in parts as buzz saw. virtually to prohibit the cheap popular literature disseminated by means of standard "libraries." The amendment raises the postage on this kind of publications from the low pound rate now and applies as directly to cheap reprints of standard works and credita-

cially directed. While it is desirable to have good prints and standard literature have of business give any evidence of the done more to educate the great mass of our citizens than any other agency outside the school room or the newspaper press. The fact that a play by Shakespeare or an essay by Addison finds widespread favor when issued in behavior and whose pay is conditioned a neat pamphlet form and sold at re-

SCRANTON TRIBUNE unit food as they are to choose the material food which sustains their phys city is scrubbed as carefully as if it ical strength. It is altogether an un- were a kitchen floor. The refuse is dewholesome conception of the functions posited in tall iron boxes distributed of republican government which would have congressional legislation super- in closed wagons. It is the testimony ceds individual judgment as to what of all who have visited Berlin that even books and papers the people shall or after severe rains the streets are she cost of postage to the people, but it p nding postal appr pristion bill.

> SCRANTON HAS on grown the fire lim its of Slocum Hollow and can have new ones none too soon

WHAT HAS been done by councils toward extending the present antiquated fire limits of the city, in accordance with the mayor's recent recommends tions? Why should an important subject like this be overlooked? Is not each day of delay a day of needless danger to property and perhaps life? Fires do not usually accommodate Mine Workers of America, is quoted | themselves to the slow pace of municipal legislation and the sooner this oversight is corrected by a modern and comprehensive new ordinance the sooner will there come a reduction in McBride has probably been misunder- the uncommon fire risks which constood. He can scarcely have made the front owners of property in this municipality.

MR MAGEE now announces that he is for Grow and Haff. We congratulate Mr. Magee for tous getting into the right band wagon at the very beginning of the triumphal procession.

Banish the Ballot Thieves.

The recent conviction in Carbon county of three Democratic ward heelmitted while serving upon election the royal family is a spicles of reverfranchisement. This recalls vividly to Cleveland's equal salary. mind the article which Representative Galusha A. Grow not long ago pronext month. We alluded to the sub- Hinos skedaddle' jec: at the time, but deem it worthy of a second reference in the light of numerons later developments in the art of systemetic ballot frauds. After defin- vania Democrats seem singularly reing the manner in which ballots small | Instant to toward a goods se east, Mr. Grow's amendment coninnes as follows:

Any person duly convicted of voting or Any person dilly convicted or voting or offering to vote at any election, knowing that he is no a legal voter, or of voting or altempting to vote at any election on any other name than his own rightful name, or of lakely registering or at empting to legister for the purpose of voting, or of making any false fourth of the result of any election, by a false mount of backurs of by changing in any way a correct return as British excepting \$166,000,000 as the result of six con would suggested at the coal mining industry. The computation is a rough one and omits to take into account the decline in values inevitably due to any general coages then of industrial activities; or the unavoidable frictions, jealousies and ill-feeling which lie in the wake of every bitter difference between employers and amplifyed. But this amazing loss was confined to a small country scarcely larger than the combined areas of as the person who should accountly commut Pennsylvania, Onio, Indiana and Illirois. What would be the result of a corresponding tie-up of the industries of the United States, coming at the Such a provision in the constitution,

fairly convalescent? Upon whom public sentiment, would undoubtedly would such an incalculately ruinous cause the downfall of Murphytem, Croand nurriful blow fall with greatest kerism and kindred obligarches of heaviness, upon the rich or upon the bossism founded on the systematic Darweller, of Daupoin county, whose poor; upon the employers or upon the prostitution of the voting liberty of the recent visit to Scranton, in his capacity employed together with their wives people. Nor is permanent debarrment from edizenship one tota too drastic a punishment for those who pay this netry are sincerely to be pitied; first, ne- (orious trade of electoral transon, Procause of the stern trend of trade where- cription, even, would be justifiable by their wages have been forced down and could with a fety be added as an below a fair margin of adequate com- extreme publishment for crimes of conpensation; and secondly, because in the spicnous heinousness. The Carbon attempt to right this accumulating county judge was dimited his sentenceeconomic wrong they have chosen a of distranchisement to a pairry three time when for every penny that they | years was mercy incarnate. It is time wrest from their opponents they will the American people stopped fooling inflict thousands of dollars of loss upon | with this evil and began in carnest the work of effecting its cure,

EDITOR PENNIKAN, of the Plymonth Tribune, nes declared war upon Mayor Loderick and his police officers. In a column and a half article, which is to be continued, Editor Penniman sheds the rays of a jurid search light upon the workings of the official organization of Plymouth and reveals the chief than they use to-day. But this swill is megistrate and his minions in an unfavorable position. Editor Penniman ings at Johnstown, It is generally states that be, in company with a number of friends, was arrested on Sunday Senator Myliu for the auditor general that in the extravagant misgovernment evening without cause and was fined \$4, all upon account of an article reflecting upon members of the police force which appeared in the Tribune columns on April 5. As the editor of the Tribune is evidently covered with a coating of war paint of the average Cumberland county will take from the thickness of decorative stereo relief, it state judiciary one of its brightest and It is unfortunate that the pending is probable that Mayor Loderick will most respected members. It had been postoffice bill carries with it an amend- sooner or later be made to realize that

Business-like Methods. Philadelpuia an i Berlin are cities of almost equal size and well typify the best features of the municipal progress | no prior influation that he would rein vogue to the costly third-class rate; of their respective countries. Any comparisons that may be drawn between news now occasions c muent smoon them are essentially comparisons beble popular issues of scientific, literary | tween our entire American theory of or tecunical works as it does to the municipal government, as illustrated in lurid yellow-covered novel or nickel practice, and that which obtains among "shocker" against which it was espe- the people of Germany. A letter from POLITICS IN SMALL DOSES: a Berlin correspondent of an American newspaper detailing methods of street books command a good appreciation at cleaning in the German capital lies beprices consistent with good mechanical fore us. Its facts are doubly interestas well as literary workmanship, it is ing to Scrantonians, whose streets, if indisputable that cheap popular re- cleaned at all, rarely during the hours

The entire business of street cleaning in Berlin is committed to an expert corps of skilled workmen whose "places" are permanent during good upon the value of the service pertail for two or three cents, is a satisfac | formed. Ten, fifteen or thirty years of continuous service entitles the work

along the streets, and soon carted away shall not read. Congress may with clean and free from and as the murble utire providery yet further cheap-n | c.u. : yards of the city's palaces. Y t c st of this marriff ant service s under no onligation to sell to this 1892 or a only \$152,000, whole in the

cost in the mount in leafed to the same year, for a ryies not to 0 m a mendment which the house of represationed in the ame creatis, Postade sentativ's has recently aided to the paid pur \$137,000 Mar over wery onnes of Bertin's refuse is mil zel in such a manner as to return a consider able revenue, which tends to reduce the first cost of the street cleaning department

There is no resson save our own carelessness why American municipal's ties should thus be put to shame in comparison with the corresponding cities of over-crawded and, as we are want to contend, ill governed Europe. If we were to exact the same rigid performance of duty from our public officials that is taken for granted by the urban inhabitants of the old world, our visible results would soon equal their's, and ought in time to surpass them. If the republic of America means anything it means a distinct advance from mousrchieal models. Have we yet made such an advance in the government of our cities?

THERE NEVER was a time before in the history of this country when one dollar would purchase greater opportunities of popular education than it can today. There never was a time before when civic ignorance had smaller excuse for its existence.

THE SACREDNESS of a soft enap like that \$50,000 yearly pension drawn by ers upon a charge of irregularities com- the Duke of Edinburgh for being one boards won for them, among other ence in which Americans cannot join things, a sentence of temporary dis- Some of them even begrudge Grover

STHANGER THINGS have happened in posed for incorporation in the new Luzerne politics than could be the constitution of New York state, to be nomination of Senator Ciscence W. formulated by the constitutional con- Kline for congress, in opposition to vention which will assemble at Albany Hines. And maybe he wouldn't make

CONSIDERING CAMBIDATE SIBLEY: readiness to pay his money, Penosyl-

GOSSIP Of Politicians

The Eric Dispator valiantly defend Giles D Price from the installation that insummer as he was off-red the communition for state transfer at the Republican convention in 1891 and is them in a position where his services would be worth the most. His candi very properly declined to be nominated for any office which be did not wish an ing, but when the country was not yet | becked up by a resolute and determined | which the people were not asking him

O to of Jack Robinson's most energetie li-utenants is District Attorne as district deputy for the Grand Luda Elks, is pleasantly remembered Mr Detweller will not make an active effort to have the Doughie delegation swung over for ta- Media congressman, lest it might prejudice the candidac of Lyman D. Gittert for the attorne generalship in Hasting's cabinet; but he is sparing no pains to help Robins elsewhere and as he is close in the confidence of the party leaders and person ally influential with all classes, it probable that he may prove an Impor tant factor in the fight. Mr. Detweiler is booked to deliver an Arbor Day a lrees at Harrisburg on Friday, and if his recent speach in this city be any criterion the cration will be a most enjoyable feature of the day's exercises.

Speaking of the attorney generalship calls to mind the fact that there is a new aspirant, Colonel B Frank Eshle rap, of Laucester, who is a sou in-law of the late chief Justice Mercur, wa ormerly a member of Governo caver's staff and served with Hast thought that the nomination of exship will invalidate Colon-1 Estleman's claims, insumuco as the two positions would scarcely go to one county.

The announcement that Juage Sader of Carlisle will not be a candidate for recommunation as president judge of known for some time that Judge Sadler was succeeding so well in certain business investments, notably those in which he is interested in Carbon bels and which are under the efficient mangement of his son Wilbur, as to causwonder why he should care to continu his career on the bench. But there was tire within the present year, and this his friends in this vicinity, although it is comment bighly compiled meary to nis fitness as a judge and to his admirable social qualities

The Bucks county delegation will, it is said, be for Stewart first and Lyon second, There are nineteen Democratic caudi-dates for the four legislative pegs in York Judge Clayton, of Delaware county, claims to have thirty more delegates pledged than are needed to insure his re-

omination.
If gallant Colonel Ricketts wants to go down before the coming Hastings uprising he is keeping that wish closely locked within his own breast. The fact that Eric county's delegation is

for Robinson, although not openly in-atracted, is believed to express a feeling by Eric county Republicans adverse to the tactics of the supporters of Walter Lyon. The latter had fought Giles D. Price with tory offset to all the harm done by the abuse of this low postage privilege as illustrated in the general vogue of blood-and-thunder flash libraries.

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